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SUMMARY: THE LIST OF ISSUES ABOUT WHICH THERE APPEARS TO BE
DISAGREEMENT AMONG THE LEADERSHIP IN PEKING MAY NOW INCLUDE
THE ROLE OF EXPERTS IN EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION. END

SUMMARY

1. ON AUGUST 15 NCNA CARRIED EXCERPTS FROM AN INVESTIGATION
REPORT ENTITLED "WORKERS HAVE BOUNDLESS CREATIVE POWER" THAT
WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF RED FLAG, NO. 8. FROM
THE EMPHASES OF NCNA'S EXTRACTS (BORNE OUT BY A SCANNING OF
THE FULL CHINESE TEXT IN RED FLAG), IT APPEARS THAT THE ROLE
OF TECHNICIANS IN EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION IS BEING
DOWNGRADED IN PROPAGANDA MEDIA. MENTIONED ONLY TWICE AND
THEN PERFUNCTORILY, TECHNICIANS ARE CREDITED WITH WORKING IN
"THREE-IN-ONE" GROUPS TO SOLVE PRODUCTION PROBLEMS BUT THEY
ARE GREATLY OVERSHADOWED BY THE CREDIT GIVEN TO WORKERS, THE
THE PARTY, AND LEADING CADRE. (ONE POINT NOT IN THE
NCNA ENGLISH ITEM WAS VETERAN WORKERS' CRITICISM OF "SOME
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OF THE LEADING CADRE OF THE PARTY COMMITTEE" FOR PAYING
TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO OUTPUT AND LESS TO IDEOLOGY AND LINE.)

2. WRITTEN BY THE ANSHAN MUNICIPAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE,

THE REPORT IS ABOUT THE NO. 1 BLOOMING MILL OF "CHINA'S BIGGEST STEEL CENTER," ANSHAN, INLIAONING PROVINCE. IT HITS SOME OF THE CURRENT THEMES: CRITICISM OF LIU SHAO-CHI FOR CLOSING DOWN PLANTS THOUGHT TO BE UNECONOMICAL, THE NEED TO TAP EXISTING POTENTIALS, CONCENTRATION ON THE MAIN CONTRADICTIONS AT ANY GIVEN STAGE OF PRODUCTION. BUT THE MAJOR EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE CORRECTNESS OF THE IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL LINE, TO WIT, "WHEN THE LINE IS INCORRECT, EVEN GOOD EQUIPMENT IS NOT FULLY USED--WHEN IT IS CORRECT, OUT-DATED EQUIPMENT CAN BE TRANSFORMED AND PRODUCTION CAN KEEP RISING." RECALLING MAO'S TEACHING THAT "THE MASSES HAVE A POTENTIALLY INEXHAUSTIBLE ENTHUSIASM FOR SOCIALISM," THE PARTY COMMITTEE REALIZED THAT THEY SHOULD DRAW ON IT AND WARMLY SUPPORT NEW-BORN THINGS CREATED BY THE MASSES (CULTURAL REVOLUTION CHANGES). AMONG THE IMPLEMENTING SLOGANS CREATED BY THE WORKERS ARE "WREST STEEL FROM EVERY SECOND" (OF TIME) AND "WIN BACK THE TIME WASTED BY INTERFERENCE FROM THE REVISIONIST LINE."

3. WITHIN THE WEEK NCNA RETURNED TO THESE THEMES IN AN AUGUST 20 NEWS ITEM ON THE WUHAN IRON AND STEEL COMPANY. BUT IT ALSO CRITICIZED THE MEDIUM PLATE MILL'S LEADING CADRE FOR BEING "AFFECTED BY APRIORISM." THAT IS, "THEY THOUGHT TOO MUCH OF MACHINES BUT FAILED TO SEE THE MEN PLAY THE DECISIVE ROLE." THE NEXT NEWS ITEM DEALT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WITH SOME WRITERS OF THE WUHAN MODERN DRAMA THEATER. BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION THEY DID NOT INTEGRATE THEMSELVES WITH THE WORKERS IDEOLOGICALLY. AS A RESULT IN THEIR SCRIPT THEY (MISGUIDEDLY) WROTE ABOUT "EXPERTS RUNNING THE PLANT" AND THAT DISAPPOINTED THE WORKERS. LATER, SEEING THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS, THEY PRODUCED A MODERN DRAMA CALLED "SEIZE THE HOUR, SEIZE THE DAY."

4. ALL IN ALL, THE TONE OF THESE ARTICLE CONTINUES AND HEIGHTENS THE EMPHASIS ON A NUMBER OF MAOIST (AS OPPOSED TO LIU-IST) THEMES IN EXPANDING INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITY VS. QUALITY, ENTHUSIASM AND TAPPING EXISTING POTENTIALS VS. UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW INVESTMENT IN PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, INNOVATIONS BY THE WORKERS AND CADRES MORE THAN BY TECHNICIANS. THE RELATIVE SHORTAGE OF FUNDS FOR NEW DOMESTIC INVESTMENT (REPORTED EARLIER, ER 15, HK 7611) UNDOUBTEDLY HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECENT EMPHASIS ON THESE POLICY LINES, BUT ONE SENSES THAT MORE THAN THAT IS INVOLVED. TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE MORE VISIBLE EVIDENCE OF CONFLICT CONCERNING SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, THIS RED FLAG ARTICLE PLUS OTHER RECENT NEW ITEMS SUGGESTS INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION POLICY LIKEWISE IS AN AREA OF LEADERSHIP DIFFERENCES. OSBORN

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